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SUPPLEMENT

1. Responsibility for the current extortion racket, under threat of bombing, has been traced to a recently organized Hongkong branch of the Overseas Youth Organization (海外青年行動隊), under the leadership of Mr. YANG Ts'ai (YFUNG CHOW 楊才). Headquarters are on first floor, side entrance, of the Ta Chung Hotel (大中華酒家), DesVoeux Road, Central. The nucleus of the group is composed of thirty men: ten deserters from the 63rd National Artillery Corps, and twenty youths from the East River District led by Mr. TENG Kuan-t'ai (TANG Koon-tai 鄧觀泰). Present membership totals about 100.
2. The parent organization has been active for some time in the Shen Ch'uan (Shun-chuan 深圳) and Castle Peak (青山) areas.
3. This new Hongkong branch of the Overseas Youth Organization has been taken under the wing of the Ho Yung Yi (Guild?) (Wah Tung Yee 和勇義), which gives them protection and freedom of action in the central district of the city.
4. Thus far the threats seem to be getting results, with some restaurants, hotels and goldshops meeting the demands made. During the week of 18 November two separate advertisements appeared in the Hongkong Chinese press, announcing that seven establishments were willing to "pay off".

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A United Press Hongkong dispatch, dated 10 December, stated: "Seven of the big Chinese restaurants and eight Chinese hotels here last month inserted joint advertisements in the press informing a black-mailing gang which had been backing up its demands for 'protection money' with bombs that they were ready to pay. The restaurants in their advertisement give their address and telephone numbers and the place where the money can be collected. The hotels are using one address . . .".

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